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Title: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE CONTAINING
TALC AND CARRIER
Examiner: Tucker, Philip Art Unit: 1712
Docket: P-0023-US

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO SECOND ADVISORY ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated March 10, 2004 and an Advisory Action dated April 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A drilling fluid additive mixture manufactured by a method comprising of:
admixing talc with at least one carrier to create a suspended mixture, said suspended mixture allowing the surface of said talc to be pre-wet with said carrier, said carrier being selected from a group consisting of oils, glycols, esters, olefins and mixtures thereof, and admixing copolymer beads to said mixture prior to adding said mixture to a drilling fluid.
2. (cancelled)
3. (original) The drilling fluid additive mixture of Claim 2 wherein said beads have a specific gravity at from about 1.0 to about 1.5 and a size from about 40 microns to about 1500 microns.



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- (1) Response To Second Advisory Action; and
- (2) A self-addressed stamped postcard, return which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents

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Respectfully submitted,

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